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Sedgwick County Fire Department Observes Fire Prevention Week

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Sedgwick County Fire Department will observe Fire Prevention Week during the week of October 6 –12. This year's motto "Team Up for Fire Safety," was designated by the National Fire Prevention Association. This simple idea was chosen to encourage people to team up with the people around them to help prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire.

Three issues will be promoted during this year's "Fire Prevention Week" - - Installing and Testing Smoke Alarms, Practicing Home Escape Plans and Hunting for Home Hazards. A "Fire Safety Checklist" can be obtained from the Sedgwick County website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

The Sedgwick County Fire Department will be conducting several events aimed at both adults and children throughout Fire Prevention Week. Some of these events include:

School inspections and fire drills: All schools within the Sedgwick County Fire District will have walk-through fire inspections as well as fire drills to test their readiness in case of a fire.

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Station Tours: Children's groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, day care facilities and schools, will get the chance to visit Sedgwick County's Fire Stations.

Kindergarten Demonstrations: Firefighters will visit each of the Kindergarten classes located in the Sedgwick County Fire District. During their visit they will talk about fire safety and show-off the fire engines.

Fifth Grade Luncheon at Sedgwick County Zoo: All area fifth graders are invited to the Zoo for a day of learning about firefighters, fire safety and all the local agencies that are involved in an emergency. Admission to the Zoo is free for fifth graders attending. This event is sponsored by Sedgwick County, Boeing, McConnell Air Force Base and the Wichita Fire Department.

Roody Doo: All students K-6 in the Sedgwick County Fire District will receive "Roody Doo" Fire Safety Adventure worksheets. There will be a contest and prizes will be awarded to 10 lucky winners.

For more information on Fire Prevention and the National "Fire Prevention Week" visit the Sedgwick County Fire Department's website at www.sedgwickcounty.org.

"The Sedgwick County Fire Department is making a great effort to be sure that residents of our community are ready in case of a fire," said Chairman Ben Sciortino. "Fire prevention week is a perfect time to educate the public on how to prevent a fire and what to do in the event of a fire."

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